GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2597
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2002
VISIT OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL
RENUKA CHOWDHURY;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Deputy Prime Minister of Israel visited India recently; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussions held with him?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. Mr. Shimon Peres, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Israel had visited India from 7-11 January, 2002 to participate in the CII Partnership Summit in Bangalore.He utilised the opportunity to visit New Delhi to brief the Indian leadership on the current situation in the West Asia and the status of the Middle East Peace Process.He also conveyed Israel`s condemnation to 13 December attack on the Indian Parliament.